

The Honorable Luther H. Evans
Librarian of Congress
Washington 25, D. C.

(LETTER
TO LIBRARIAN OF
CONGRESS)

Dear Sir:

Last year, on completion of intelligence exploitation, CIA began transferring to the Library of Congress several thousand volumes of library material collected [REDACTED] in 1946-1947. This material was accumulated in the Washington Document Center, a combined Army-Navy intelligence activity. The Center subsequently transferred title to CIA. In essence, the material consisted of [REDACTED] publications as well as other items of basic reference that were considered to be of interest to the Orientalia Division.

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The documents transferred to the Library of Congress were believed to be non-records and to have no intelligence value. Occasionally documents may be discovered which appear to have been records [REDACTED]. These should have been transferred to the National Archives. In rare instances, also, the Library of Congress may wish to ask the Central Intelligence Agency to re-examine a document and to give advice on the propriety of making the document available to scholars or writers.

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In answer to the request of the Assistant Director for Acquisitions of the Library of Congress to the Librarian, CIA, dated 9 January 1950, the legal title to all [REDACTED] documents which CIA has given to the Library of Congress is hereby transferred by CIA to the Library of Congress.

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Your signature on the face of this letter will indicate your acceptance of our understanding that henceforth the Library of Congress will be solely responsible for this material in conformance with pertinent laws and regulations. Would you be kind enough to return the original of this letter for our records, and retain the attached executed copy for your files.

Sincerely yours,

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